THE DEADWOOD STAGE.

EIGHTY-FIVE MILLIONS IN. GOLD OUT OF THE BLACK HILLS.

Some Ploneer Perils_Many Historic Hold-Ups-Days When Sawed-off Shotguns Were Fashionable.

The Chamberlain (S. D.) correspondent of the Philadelphia Times: Careful estimates place the gold product of the Black Hills since the first settlement of that re-gion, nineteen years ago, at 35,000,000. During later years the mines have been more fully developed, and, with the aid of new and improved machinery, the output of gold is steadily increasing. There is but little doubt that mining operations in the Black Hills are as yet in their infan-cy, and that the output of gold a few

but little doubt that mining operations in the Biack Hills are as yet in their infancy, and that the cutput of gold a few years hence will greatly exceed, if not double, that of the present time. The striking of the rich and extensive gold veins on the Holy Terror and other properties that had been prospected for years without success leads to this conclusion. While in the Black Hills recently the writer, believing that the general public was unfamiliar with the mode of transporting this enormous amount of gold eastward, through the kindness of a number of the Black Hills pienears succeeded in gathering much of the information contained in this article.

A tinge of romance surrounds the stories told of the fearless men who have since early days guarded the gold bulllion shipped from the Black Hills. These brave men hourly held their lives in their hands during the carly days, when the only means of transportation was by the lumbering stage coseh and over roads which ran principally through deep and winding ravines, skirted on both sides by a thick grov th of pine trees and underleugh, which afferded a safe and convenient shelter for the prowling savage and the desperate road agent. the desperate road agent.

THE FIRST GOLD DUST. that year, and was named from the vast amount of fallen timber found by early prospectors in the gulch now thickly cov-ered with the metropolitan brick busi-ness blocks and handsome residences of

As the surrounding country was still filled with hostile Indians who had split up into small bands after the Custer massacre, and with white desperadoes who were even more bloodthirsty than the Indians, the shipment of gold became a nutter of grave importance and serious consideration as to the beat means to ship it so as to prevent its falling into the hands of the desperadoes or Indians. The Wheeler boys finally desided to empley a guard, and convey themselves and their gold out of the Black Hills. The guards were selected from old and tried mountaineers, who were paid about 325 per day for their services until the rail-ROVING BAND OF INDIANS,

points for parties intending to enter the Black Hills—Cheyenne, Sidney, Bismarck, and Yankton, and much of the mail for those already in the Black Hills was carried by wagon train or by parties of geld seekers entering the Hills from some one of these points. When it was learned that a wagon train or parties with the mail were nearing the town the meretants would send out riders to meet the incoming travellers, and would vie with each other as to who should reach them first,

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The murder of Messenger Slaughter was quite a historic episode in old stage days. The team became frightened by the shooting and started on a wild run for Deadwood, but the coach was riddled before it got beyond range of the road agent's firearms. The outlaws got nothing for their pains. When the clothing was removed from the body it was discovered that thirteen buckshot had entered directly over the heart, twelve of them ferming a perfect circle, and the thirteenth having entered the body in the exact centre of the circle, and the thirteenth having entered the body in the exact centre of the circle, and the thirteenth having entered the body in the exact centre of the circle, and the thirteenth having entered the body in the exact centre of the springs. Neb., and was killed by officers while attempting to escape with the booty. The murder of Slaughter occurred just prior to the establishment of law in Lawrence county, where a murder took place, and was the only holdup ever attempted in the county mentioned. In March, 1877, Seth Bullock was inaugurated as the first sheriff of the county, Judge John H. Burns, anmentioned. In March, 1877, Seth Bullock was inaugurated as the first sheriff of the county. Judge John H. Burns, another prominent resident of the Black Hills, was Lawrence county's first prosecuting attorney. These gentlemen promptly took steps to hunt down, if possible, and suitably punish the men responsible for the crime. So untiring were the authorities in their efforts that the man who fired the shot that killed Slaughter was sometime afterwarded apprehended and jailed in Ohio, where he had flown in the hope of ercaping the penalty of his dastardly crime.

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As soon as the regular banks were opened in Deadwood a change in circulation medium took place. Instead of miners paying for articles with gold dust they sold their dust and received greenbacks in exchange, and the banks shipped out the crude gold. The road agents that one established headquarters of the Hat Crick country. 159 miles at 1 Deadwood, and about the same distance from the nearest settlement in Wyomits. The vigilance of the Black Hills officers and the evident determination on their part to wipe out the gangs of robbers made it necessary for the desperadoes to change their base of operations.

The Hat Greek country being so remote from any settlement, and outside the foothills of the Black Hills region, was decided upon as their future stamping ground. Here they believed they would be safe from the bloothounds of the law and could with impunity rob the travellers going to and from the Black Hills.

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A lady who is the wife of one of Dead-A lady who is the wife of one of Deadwood's well-known citizens was about this period a passenger on one of the stage coaches that was held up. She had a watch which she dearly prized, and, while the robbers were engaged in searching in securing the valuables of some of the other passengers, she concealed the watch in her hair. Finally ofic of the robbers approached and demanded that she give up her money and valuables. She compiled with the exception of the watch. The robber accidentally spied it, reached out, took it, and was

transferring it to his pocket, when she cried in agonized accents: "Please, Mr. Robber, Good Mr. Robber, Dear Mr. Robber, don't take my watch!" The appeal was more than the knight of the road

ber, don't take my watch!" The appeal was more than the knight of the road could withstand, and, with a laugh, he returned the watch to its owner.

After removing their headquarters to the Hat Creek country the road agents continued to hold up the stage coaches with great regularity. Finally, as a last resort, the express company had a treasure coach constructed especially for the purpose of defeating any attempts the road agents might make on the gold shipments. The coach was very strengty built, and, in addition, was covered with plate iron. After being completed and placed in use this coach, designed expressly for the safe shipment of gold, went out once a week. Five picked men, under charge of Scott Davis, chief messenger, all fully armed, acted as escort of the coach on these perilous trips. The coach was named Johnnie Slaughter, in honor of the driver who had previously been killed at the hold-up near Deadwood. Passengers entering or returning wood, Passengers entering or returning from the Black Hills by the ordinary passenger coaches did not carry their valuables with them, but, for greater security, shipped them on the treasure coach, where the chances for loss were returning considered much less. naturally considered much less.

ASMED TREASURY-COACH. The armored treasure coach made sev

The armored treasure coach made several trips without an attempt being made to hold-up and rob it. But it was simply the calm before the storm which was gathering and threatening the lives of the brave and determined men who had volunteered to guard the precious metal. One day in 1878 the coach drove up as usual to the stage station at Cold Springs to change horses. Everything about the place bore its accustomed aspect, and little did the occupants of the treasure coach dream that danger lurked about the spot. The horses were halted, the driver threw his lines to the ground, and those on the coach were preparing to disdriver threw his lines to the ground, and those on the coach were preparing to dismount and enter the stage station, when suddenly from the door of the near-by stable the report of hrearms rang out and a deadly half of builets hurled about the coach. Campbell, a telegraph operator, who was riding on the coach, was killed by the volley. Oale Hill, one of the messengers, was also shot and badly wounded. Scott Davis, chief messenger, took in the situation at a glance and the messengers, was also shot and badly most blocks and handsome residences of modern Deadwood. Previous to the commencement of the town the gulch was so thickly strewn with fallen pine timber that it was well nigh impassible. For some time after the settlement of Deadwood gold dust was the circulating medium. This was carried in buckskin pouches, and upon making a purchase the buyer would weigh out sufficient gold dust to pay for the article or articles purchased. At that time there were no courts, and therefore no law, eyery man being a "law unto himseif." The details of the first shipment of gold, as related by Mr. Builock, will undoubtedly be of interest when it is considered, as before stated, that since that time fully \$85,000-1000 in gold has been produced in and shipped from the Black Hills. Among the early ploneers were the Wheeler boys, who were very fortunate in their mining operations. They were satisfied with the amount of gold they had obtained, and in the fall of 1876 concluded to leave the scene of their success.

BOYNG BAND-OF INDIANS. at once started for the nearest stage station for assistance. He was compen-rated in a measure for his sorry plight by the fact that he had scriously wound-

of one of the robbers.

After he had ceased firing and departed from the spot, the four uninjured robbers compelled the driver to seize a pick-ax and break open the treasure box. During this proceeding, and until the departure of the road agents with the \$45,000 in of the road agents with the \$45,000 in gold which the treasure box contained, one of the guards was stretched at full length in the bottom of the coach, pre-tending to be dead. So well did he act Eis part that not even a suspicion of the truth appeared to enter the minds of the outlaws. He well knew that had he openabout \$250,000 worth of gold dust, and theres, hearing that they were arranging for the shipment, decided to take advantage of the excellent opportunity and ship with them. Thus, about \$50,000 more of gold durt was placed in charge of the guards, making a total of \$500,000. The wagon train met with no perious trouble on the trip.

The first down coach to Chevenne in the fail of 1876 carried about \$10,000 in gold. The country was yet filled with hostile Indians, and a trip overland was attended with great danger unless the whites travelled in strong parties, and were heavily armed. During this period several citizens of Deadwood were killed by Indians within one or two miles of the town. There were four equipping points for parties intending to enter the sure coach arrived, with the above re-sult. The stock tenders had been secure ly bound, gagged and placed in a secure place to prevent them giving an alarm. It was several months before the wounded outlaw fully recovered. The names of the five desperadoes were Blackburn, Wall, Brooks, "Red Head Mike," and Price. The officers of the law immediate-Price. The officers of the law immediate-ly got on their trail and followed it until nearly all of the robbers were captured and most of the stolen treasure recover-ed. So persistent were the officers that

> The vigorous measures adopted by the officers furnished an example which had a salutary effect on the human buzzards a salutary effect on the human buzzards that infested the country surrounding the Black Hills, and no further attempt was made to hold up a treasure coach on this route. The result of the hold-up proved that the armored treasure coach did not accomplish the object for which it was intended, and its use was therefore discarded. Thereafter the gold from the Black Hills was shipped by the ordinary "Deadwood coach," which is famous in song and story, ous in song and story.

one of the men was chased the entire listance to Missouri Valley, Iowa, and

THE NERVIEST MESSENGER.

Richard Bullock has the deserved rewho has ever guarded the gold builion out of the Black Hills. He is said to be an unassuming gentleman and toth to talk about his exploits and adventures during the many years he has been em-ployed to guard the shipments of gold bullion from some of the larger mines. These shipments during the present time are usually made semi-monthly. The are usually made semi-monthly. The gold is molded into bricks about ten inches in length, six inches wide, and five inches in thickness at the offices of

five inches in thickness at the offices of the mining companies. Sometimes the bricks vary in size, some of them weighing as much as 140 pounds. The customary practice si for the messenger to receive the bullion at the offices of the mining companies where it is receipted for and then taken under armed guard to the office of the express company over whose lines it is to be shipped East.

From there, after being securely wrapted, scaled, and placed in the treasure box, it is taken again under guard, to the railway station and placed in the express car. The messenger, armed with a Winchester repeating shotgun, loaded with buckshot, and a six-shooter, accompanies the bullion until it reaches a place of safety. On several occasions cases have been known where messengers have guarded the bullion as far as cases have been known where messengers have guarded the bullion as far as Omaha or Kansas City. From acquaintances of Richar'l Bullock it is learned that when he was first employed as a bullion guard his route was by stage from Deadwood to Whitewood and beyond by train. Whitewood then being the terminas of the ratiroad. No trouble with road agents was ever experienced on the ocvrland trip by stage between the two towns. It is generally understood that during the time he has acted as messenger and bullion guard he has guarded shipments of good aggregating many millions of dollars in value, and it is to his credit that he has never—lost so much as a penny's worth of the gold committed to his care.

Mr. Watkins Lee has retired as pro-prieter of the Alleghany Hotel, Goshen, Va., in favor of Messrs. Mahoney and Wood. Mr. Lee will hereafter give his undivided attention to the Rawley Springs, Va.

SALE OF CHEROKEE LAND.

ACRES IN THAT COUNTY.

CAPITALISTS BUY ONE THOUSAND

The Price Paid Was \$21,000-Colony From Dakota to be Located on This Land, Seeking a Good Class of Immigrants.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 22.—Special.—Mr. John M. Thrash has just sold his large Valley river farm in Cherokee county, about 100 miles west of here, to a company of capitalisis, chief among whom are W. C. Damon, of Californis, Jewitt Allin, of Chattanooga, formeriy of Missouri, John Crutz, of Pennsylvania, and Messrs, Metcalf and Olirger, of South Dakota.

This farm contains over a thousand acres, and has 400 acres of very fertile river bottoms. The price paid was \$21,000. Just what manner of development is to be made by the company cannot now be stated definitely, but it is understood that the company will colonize a number of familles from South Dakota, who are desirous of leaving that State occause of the severe winters. There is a large deposit of beautiful marble on pert of the land, and it is supposed that will be worked also.

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Our section is constantly having in-quiries from Northwestern farmers, and this seems to be the beginning of an im-migration from that section toward the South

News was received here yesterday that about half the force at work on the new raifroad now being built from Henderson-ville to Brevard had quit work because of the lack of pay. It is understood that Mr. T. C. McNeely, one of the chief movers in the building of this road, is now in New York trying to get the money to complete it. This road is surveyed to run through one of the best farming sections in the mountains.

The French Broad Racing Association is making big preparations for the series of races to come off on July 2d, 4th, and 5th. A large number of horses are already here. Seventeen came Thursday-eight from Richmond, three from Lynchburg, three from Chattanooga, and three from Knoxville. There will be between thirty and forty racers here, and much excellent sport is expected. There will be five races each day. Excursions will be run from all the adjoining towns.

The tax imposed by the last Legislature on boarding-houses is failing especially hard on some of the residents of Asheville. Many boarding-houses here are kept by widows, who are barely making a living, and in addition to this tax for the

e and county, its charter gives the the right to also tax boarding-houses. hoped the Aidermen will not levy tax. tax.

J. L. M. Curry and family are here, expect to remain during the summer.

PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES. Last year the tax-collector of Buncombe county sold for taxes nearly \$200,000 worth of property. In many instances the taxes were not paid because of some mistake; in some instances because of a bad faith on the part of agents, but in most cases it was neglected, or the owners were too poor to raise the money. This property was bought in for the county. At their April meeting the Board of County Commissioners transferred the county's bids to two brothers, A. H. and C. E. Lyman The year allowed for the redemption of this property has expired, and it is said the Lyman brothers are reaping a rich harvest.

DIED 108 YEARS OLD.

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"Seen George Washington."
WINSTON, N. C., June 29.—Special.—
Frank Mathes (colored) died in this county Thursday at the age of 108 years. "He saw George Washington, when he passed through Salem May 31, 1791."
Winston shipped over a million pounds of manufactured tobacco during June. Revenue collections here for the liscal year ending to-night were the largest in the history of the office.
Mr. C. F. Tomilisson, of Archdale, N. C., has been elected principal of the West Winston Graded School. He is a son of A. J. Tomilisson, Esq., who for matry years was one of the very best teachers in the State. He is a graduate of Guilford College and the State University, and is a nephew of the late J. L. Tomilisson, the first superintendent of the Winston Public School.

PETERSBURG'S LAND VALUES. Smal Increase Over the Last Assessment.

PETERSBURG, VA., June 29.—Special.
—Mr. James E. Blanks and Mr. P. S.
Seabury, the State assessors, turned in
their books to-day to the cierk of the
courts. The values of lands and buildings of the city, under the new assessment, are: Lands, \$1,769,409; buildings,
\$1,729,500, total, \$2,800,709. The lates and ings of the city, under the new assessment, are: Lands, \$1,709,60; buildings, \$1,333,90; total, \$6,981,30. The lots and buildings of the white tax-payers are assessed at \$5,597,350, and those of the follored tax-payers at \$46,300. The assessment for lands and buildings in Petersburg in 1859 were as fellows: Lands, \$1,305,616; buildings, \$1,885,128; total, \$6,320,754. Increase over 1896, \$51,784, on lands, and \$418,772 on buildings; total, \$435,556. Commissioner of Revenue books for 1894, \$6,633,789; increase of 1805 over 1894, \$10,330. The assessors have been steadily at work since the first day of January last, have measured over two thousand pieces

have measured over two thousand pieces of property with tape-line, have made alterations in 1,550 items on the land-book; added to the land-book for new book, added to the mad-book for new buildings and improvements, \$62,700; added for machinery in manufacturing establish-ments, \$51,200; added for increased valua-tion \$83,150; total, \$250,905. Assessments reduced by assessors, \$192,525; not increase

reduced by assessors, \$192,635; not increase over 1894, \$10,539.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Mary McGregor, of Baltimore, to Mr. Wilson Lee Camden. The ceremony will take place July 2d, at 11 A. M., at Frankin-Street Presbyterian church, in Baltimore. The prospective bride is widely known here.

Mr. Robert Harrison, who has been spending some days at Virginia Beach, has returned to the city.

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Misses Grace and Kate Smith, accompanied by Mr. J. R. W. Smith, will leave next week for the mountains to spend the

Mr. Robert Rainey is quite sick.
Mrs. J. S. Worsham is confined to the
house by sickness.
Mr. John Newman, who has been con-

fined to the house by sickness, is out

again.

The members of the Cockade City
'Cycle Club will have a picnic at Lee's
Pond, in Prince George county, on the
Fourth of July.

There will be a boat race on the Appomattox river next Monday afternoon
between crews selected from the Appomattox Roat Club.

The city's dredge, which is undergoing
some needed repairs, has been rented to
the United States Government at a rental
of 20 per day, to clean out the river.
It will probably be needed about three
months.

A NEW SHIP TO BE BUILT.

Cromwell Line Awards a Half-Million Con-

tract to Newport New, Yards,
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., June 29.—Special.—The Cromwell Steamship Line has awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-dock Company the contract for building a fine steel freight and passenger steamship to cost about \$20.000. Her dimensions will be as follows: Lergth 375 feet, beam 44 feet, and depth 32 feet. She will have the capacity for carrying 159 steerage and 74 cabin passengers; will be equipped with 3,530 horse power triple expansion engines, and will be fitted with the latest improvements. Her speed will be not less than 141-2 knots an hour.

It is understood that the vessel is to be completed within eighth months, and that in order to do this, a large increase of force at the ship-yard will be necessary. This increase will not be made for several weeks, however, as it will take some time to get the material ready.

The Cromwell Line steamers run between New ork and New Orleans.

New Gunboats Inspected.

OLD POINT, VA., June 28.—The practice ship Bancroft, with Engineer Cadas, inspected the new gunboats now building at Newport News, and sailed for Annapolis this morning. Battery M., Fourth Artillery, leaves for Washington to-night.

Private William Gordon, Battery "B,"
Third Artillery, hung himself, while being confined in the guard-house last night. He was from Cohoes, N. Y., thirty years old, and single.

A.: GRAND .. REDUCTION .. SALE!

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sounds like an absurdity, but, remember we are not depending on TIME to accomplish our object, but on PRICES. Prices (actually reduced prices) will move a mountain of merchandise in a remarkably short time. THEY'VE GOT TO DO IT IN THIS CASE. We do not lack for trade, as sales are very, very flattering; the store is all aflutter and filled daily with eager buyers. It seems a contradiction to push sales by reducing prices when our business is vigorous with healthy activity, and yet we are inspired to do so by sound reasoning. Realizing that this is the zenith of the summer business, also the beginning of the end, we have decided to make reductions while the goods are in demand, and have inaugurated

The Greatest of All Sales,

thereby accomplishing in thirty days what would require about sixty later on. Every department will send its quota of "Good Things" and nothing shall be left undone toward making this

The Greatest Event in Dry.Goods Retailing That Richmond Has Ever Experienced.

The prices we quote will create a breeze in the warmest and calmest weather. Cost and actual value have not been taken into consideration; we do not want the goods and that is an all-sufficient reason for our putting prices on them that will talk more plainly than arguments. We attribute the great store's phenomenal success to the people's reliance in our announcements and the faith in our values. Statements that are as good as gold, which have won for us a confidence so justly earned that it would be more than folly to in any way indulge in its abuse. The Great Sale, COMMENCING TO-MORROW, will strengthen our business relations, eclipse all past records, and command the attention of thousands upon thousands of interested buyers.

WOOL DRESS GOODS.

38-inch All-Wool, Tan and Gray Diagonal, reduced from 25 to 17c. 38-inch All-Wool Mixtures, reduced from 25 to 17c. 58-inch All-Wool Medium-Weight Serge, mixed Tans, Grays, etc., reduced from 50 to 25c. from 50 to 25c

38-inch All-Wool Henrietta, full line
of colors, reduced from 59 to 25c.

38-inch All-Wool Nov-lty and Vigoreux Effects, splendid assortment, light
and dark colorings, reduced from 85 to
38c.

COTTON DRESS GOODS.

Fine Drap d'Izmar Dimity, reduced to from 16 to 10c.
Navy-Bire Lawn, reduced to 81-3c.
Light Galatea-Cloth, reduced from
121-2 to 81-3c.
Colonial Outing-Cloth, reduced from 40-inch | Apron-Cheeks, with side bands, reduced from 10-to-5c. Canves Shirting, reduced from 10

to 1c. Glendale Dress-Prints, reduced from

Grendate Press-Prints, reduced 1 from
to 3c.
Fancy Sateens, all good, desirable
patterns, reduced from 121-2 to 9c.
Hest Kenwood Percales, reduced from
10 to 81-3c.
Tussah Silk and Vienna Crepon, reduced from 121-2 to 9c.
100 pieces Genuine Lancister Ginghams, best checks and colorings, regular 8c. quality, reduced to 5c.
Dotted Swiss, large and small dotsReduced from 15 and 18c. to 121-2c.;
Reduced from 25 to 20c.

LININGS.

German Hair-Cloth, reduced from 25 o 20c.

4-Button Pearl, Black-stitching, reduced from 89 to 75c.
White Chamols Skin Mousquetaire, reduced from 59 to 49c.

PARASOLS. Splendid-Quality White-China-Silk, White stick and ribs, reduced from \$1.19

CENT'S FURNISHINGS.

Gents' 15c. Night Shirts now foc, Gents' 15 Night Shirts now 75c. Fancy Percale-Bosom Shirts, reduced from 75 to foc., sizes 15 and 15.1-2 only, Flowing-End Teck Scarfs, reduced from 25 to 12.1-2c, Best-Quality Flowing-End Teck Scarfs, reduced from 56 to 25c. Fancy Hows and Band-Bows, reduced from 25 to 11c.

from 25 to 17c. Fancy Bows, reduced from 19 to 5c. LACES.

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One lot Fancy Cotton Lace, 4 to 9
inches wide, reduced from 15 to 121-2c.
One lot Fancy Cotton Lace, 12 inches
wide, reduced from 29 to 15c.
3-inch Butter-Lace, reduced from 49c.

to 25c. 10-inch Silk Butter-Lace, reduced 10-inch Silk Butter-Lace, reduced from 35 to 55c.

Sinch Silk Butter-Lace, reduced from 35 to 55c.
Sinch Van Dyke Point-Lace, reduced from 45 to 55c.
Sinch Van Dyke Point-Lace, reduced from 55 to 55c.
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An immense lot of Cream and But-ter-Color Lace Insertions, reduced from 10, 15, 25, and 25c, to 5c. CHILDREN'S HEADWEAR.

Good White P. K. Bonnets, reduced om E to 17c.

to 25c. Children's Caps, reduced from 50 to Children's Caps, reduced from \$1 to

6-4 Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$1 64 Chenille-Covers, reduced from \$2 to \$1.50. 4 Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$2 6-1 Best Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$2 to \$1.50, 8-4 Best Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$2 to \$1.50.

S-1 Best Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$3 to \$2.

10-4 Best Tapestry-Covers, reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.50.

S-4 Chenille-Covers, reduced from \$2 to \$1.50.

22x44 Ingrain Rugs, reduced from 50 20c. 20x00 Ingrain Rugs, reduced from 85 26x56 Felt Rugs, reduced from 85 to 28x54 White Fur Rugs, lined, reduced from \$5.50 to \$1.98.
21x88 Smyrna Rugs, reduced from \$1 to 60c. lix14 Best Smyrna Rugs, reduced from H.25 to 28c. 18x36 Smyrna Rugs, reduced from 89 to 69c.

to Se.
Smyrna Mats, reduced from 69 to 50c.
Fur Mats, reduced from 25 to 25c.
Section Jap. Rugs, reduced from \$1.75
and \$2 to \$1.48.
21-2x9 Hall-Rug, reduced from \$1.98 Velvet Rugs, reduced from \$3 to \$1.98.

FINE TOILET SOAPS, Etc.

Talcum Soap, reduced from 121-2 and box to be, and Se, box. Foap, reduced from 5 to 3c. Imported White Castile Soap, reduced from 10 to 5c, cake.
Iris Cream Soap, reduced from 10c, box to 8c, box of 3 cakes.
Bailey's Rice Infant Powder, reduced to 8c, package.
3 ounces Bay-Rum, reduced from 8 to 5c. Novelty Cologne, reduced from 5 to bottle. Garwood Sample Estracts, relies Garwood Sample Extracts, reduced from 8 to 5c, bottle.

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Francis New Hook and Eye (the kind that requires no sewing,) reduced from 10 to 5c. card. from 5 to 3c, yard.
Colored Valvet Binding, reduced bination Strop
from 7 to 5c, yard.
Minnie Waving-frons, reduced from
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Stocking-Supporters, reduced from 17, 26, and 25c. to 121-2c. Hair-Brushes, reduced from 25 to 11c. Tinsel, reduced from 2 for 5 to 2c. ball; 2 for 5c.

Bargamen Art-Thread, reduced to 2 ns for 5c. tion-Gloss Shoe-Dressing, resperm Machine-Oil, reduced to 4c.

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Correct cut, low, square neck, open-work, and tap-ed, never sold under 20 to 25c.; our price, 10,000 yards Best-Grade Bleached Cot-on, 61-40. Ready-Made

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Wash-Silks, 19c. from 25c. Black China Silk, 25c., from 37c. Fine Jap. and China Silks, 50c. from

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o pairs Nottingham Curtains, were now \$1 a pair.
5 pairs Nottingham Curtains, were now \$1.50 a pair.
6-inch Leather Satchels, were 60. now 25c, 18-inch Leather Satchels, were \$2.50, now \$1.50. All Fine Satchels at half former prices.
100 Japanese Fire-Screens, were 20 and 25c., now 5c.

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There is no class of goods made the is so dependent on its quality for success as a Razor. In selecting you can only afford the best. We carry the fa-mees J. R. Torrey Razor—each Instru-ment is fully guaranteed; price, 69:

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Here they are—two to three bundred Indestructible Pocket-Knives, at 25c.
Less than half value.
Ten years' ordinary wear will not trouble them.
Solid-scales, and bolster belted with the blades, to the lining, almost a solid mass. Drop year own knife on the side-valk and crack goes the bandle. Drop one of these from a beltoon at your next ascension and nothing cracks, but the unlucky thing it strikes.
No rivets in the bandle. Four blades, three blades, two blades.
Shell, rubber, ivoroid, and stag-horn handles.
Blades best tempered steel.
Price, 25c.; a 50c. Knife for 5c.
WINDOW SCREENS.

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Various sorts and sizes are ready; mostly adjustable, a little siking taking the place of expensive carpenter-work. For instance, Screens 18 inches higs, closing narrow enough for any window, and opening to 34 inches, 16c. each.

Screen-Door, all the regular sizes, good material, and well constructed, 6fc.

FINE GLASSWARE. Plain Hotel Goblets, large and heavy,

ice-Tea Glasses, extra-quality fint-

MISCELLANEOUS.

Salt Dips, ic. each. Brorze-Wire Coat-Hooks, 2c. each. 500 Straw Lawn-Seats, best grade, 5c.

Howell's Royal Violet Bath Ammonia, Household Ammonia, large size bot-

Nickel Alarm-Clocks, best goods, 19c Jap. Lunch-Baskets, half-price, 5c n. McCormick's Crescent Bird-Seed, best the market, 5c. package. Water-Bottles, straw and tan pat-

ns, 39c. 6, 7, and 8-inch Glass Vases, 19c. sa Metai Par-Trays, 5c., reduced fr Metal Pin-Trays, Isc., reduced from One lot Metal-Top Pin-Cushions, re-

duced to 5c. each.

Whisk-Brooms, reduced to 7c.
Nickel Crumb-Tray and Scraper, reduced from 25 to 15c.

Lot jute 60-feet Clothes-Lines, 3c. each.

4 sets only Mrs. Potts' sad-irons, 3 irons, stand, and handle, to a set—65c. set.

FRUIT JARS.

Will you put up fruit? Have you plenty Jars? This is fruit-year, remember—it only comes once in three years. The secret of properly preserving fruit nice and sweet two to three years is to use Jason's White-filmt Glass Jars. We start the sale to-morrow with

A CAR-LOAD

Pint Jars, 60c. dozen. Quart Jars, 75c. dozen. 1-2-Gallon Jars, 78c. dozen.

MILLER & RHOADS

Richmond's Most Progressive Department Store, 509, 511, and 513 E. Broad St.

On next Wednesday it will be exactly 119 years since our patriotic forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. Ever since that memorable day the American citizens have scrupuously ob-served the 4th of July. This year will prove no exception, and already plans have been made in all the cities, towns, and hamlets for the observance of the

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No one gets the same degree of pleasure out of the Fourth of July as does the small boy. He begins to think of the day for weeks ahead, and conscientiously hourds up his spare permises to invest in fire-works. The small boy had made the joy cracker an important factor in celebrating our nation's independence.

The manufacturer begins to manufacture fire-works early in June, in order to be ready to supply the demand made by the retail dealers, who sell all over this country, annually on the Fourth, millions of dollars worth of fire-works.

PIREWORKS CHEAPER THIS YEAR.

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I has tweek twelve big ships reached this country from Hong Kong leaded down with fire-crackers. They carried \$500,000 packs were laid to be very sefurable that they considered the synthetic form of the hong of fire-crackers. That makes \$12,000,000 fire-crackers. That makes \$12,000,000 fire-crackers. That makes \$12,000,000 fire-crackers is to mentes long, and if these \$5,00,000 packs were laid to be very sefurable they considered the world. Imericance is two understand the world. Emerson's shot would be flad to have them haid, it would reach more than haif was a treatil neretories. An if we would make a line 16,1st miles long, and it these \$5,00,000 packs were laid the world. Emerson's shot would be head to have them haid, it would reach more than haif was a treatil neretories. An if we work in comparison, and the world. Emerson's shot would be head to have the maid, it would reach more than haif was a treatil neretories of the head of the world. The reachers are to be cheap this due to the new tariff law. The old duty under the McKinley law was 8 cents a pound, which made the extra cost of an height-pound box, containing stay-tour packs of fire-crackers, 64; 200,000 packs were laid to the world. The makes a pound, which made the extra cost of an height-pound box, containing stay-tour packs of fire-crackers, 64; 200,000 packs were laid to the morning and evening games. It is capted that a least five thousand the morning and evening games. It is capted that at least five thousand the morning and evening games. It is more than the morning and evening sames and an well of the stay the different than the world the morning and evening sames. It is morning and evening sames and the world the morning and evening sames. It is not known how the military will not be placed in the city of the morning and evening sames. It is not known how the military will not be placed in the city of the morning and evening sames. It is not known how the military will not be placed in the city of the morn

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

THE SMALL BOY HAS HIS FIRE.

WORKS AND WILL CELEBRATE.

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Be Excursions and Picnics Gelore—

Two Games of Ball,

On next Wednesday it will be exactly

HOW THE DAY IS OBSERVED HERF,

In Richmond as elsewhere all the government offices and buildings will be closed. The post-office will be open for an abour in the morning in order that the scople may get their mail. The branch lost-offices will also be quited for an hour, but there will be no delivery of mails, all the business houses will close, actioning the banks, and the many clerks, both male and female, will sieze the brief espite from work to enjoy themselves to help tears, content.

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It is safe to say that as many persons as are able will leave the city for the day. The ralifocats are offering excursions at greatly reduced rates to the seashere, and large crowds will enjoy a dip in the surf. Of course there is the annual excursion to Oid Point, it is one of the features of the day, and numbers will visit the great seaside resort which has a local if not a mational reputation for its mint-fuleps. The julep as made at Old Point is said to be very seductive, and many a thirsty one ignorant of its subtility has found himself "hors de contait" after having a round of them.

While many will leave the city on excursions, there are a number of local attractions, such as place to Warlek and Flandon Parks, the Reservoir and Lake. Tug parties down the river will also be a feature of the day.

Last, but by no means least, are the two games of ball to be played in the city. Richmond will have as her opponents Roanoke, and large crowds will attend both the morning and evening games. It is expected that at least five thousands people will assemble at the West End Park in the afternoon. Of course the various organizations in the city have their plans made and will endeavor to pass the day pleasantly.

Pishing parties are yet in vogue, and a number will go on these this year. Pickett Camp of Confederate Veterans will have their annual reunion at Chester; Lee Camp will also doubtlessly have an outing. It is not known how the military will observe the day, but there is not apt to be much demonstration in this line. The Howitzers will probably te ordered by the Governor to fire a national salute. The city will make ne special effort to decorate, and beyond the display of small flags that the small boy will have, there will be very little of the red, white, and olue seen in the city on Wednesday.

POWHATAN MONUMENT.

THE CORNER STONE WILL BE LAID JULY 4TH. Manches'er Masons to Bave Charge of the

Ceremonies_Military to bel'resent_ An Old Virginia Dinner,

The corner-stone of the proposed monument to the members of the Old Powhstan Troop siain in battle, will be laid at Powhatan Courthouse on the Fourth of July, with Mascaic ceremonies and an interesting celebration.

On account of the scarcity of provender and the weakness of its horses, the Fowhatan Troop never numbered over fitty-two men, yet the killed and wounded aggregated forty-six.

Many of its men were wounded three times, and one of its members, John Werth, was the first man wounded in the first pitched battle of the Confederacy, Big Bethel.

These few facits alone go to show the heroic history of this brave command.

Its surviving members have been untiring in their efforts to raise a fitting memorial to their dead comrades, and by their own exertions and the aid of patrictic citizens they have raised about \$60 for this purpose. The menument will cost about \$1,00.

The Powhatan Troop Association, which has the matter in hand, is officered as follows:

at Powhatan Courthouse in a prominent location.

The ceremonies will be performed by Manchester Lodge of Masons No. 14. The Walker Light Guard, the Manchester Grays, the Farmville Guards, and other military will attend.

Hon, Emmet Flournoy will make an oration and the Silver Band of Farmville will furnish music.

Entertainment will be provided for five hundred guests and the committee are arranging to make the affair a typical old Virginia gathering.

Dinner will be spread in the grove, and afterwards dancing will be indulged in the music being furnished by a string band.

monument. It will contain a Confederate flag, a roster of the old Powhatan Troop, copies of the daily papers, and varfous relica.

The special excursion train from Richmond will leave the Southern railway depot at 8:15 A. M., and returning, will arrive at 7 P. M.

SITUATION AT POCAHONTAN.

Made to Renew the Strike.

POCAHONTAS, VA., June 23.—Special.—The situation in the coal-field remains practically unchanged, but there is resuon to fear that it will not remain so. Lawless is still holding the strikers on the Eikhorn with a firm hand, and notwithstanding the output of coal there is being daily augmented, and one mine after another is resuming operations in a limited way, it is being done without the aid of say of the striking men. Meetings are held daily, and some of them are largely attended. These facts, backed by the suffering among the miners for the necessaries of life, goes to show that the strikers do not intend to yield the fight without further struggle.

Your correspondent gathered from a reliable white striker to-day that this struggle is to come within the next ten days, and asserted that within that period all the new n en now working would be brought out by the United Mine Workers.

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One miner, who went to the New River mines a few weeks ago, was brought back yesterday to help work on some of the weak-kneed among the strikers who do not favor holding out for scales. He is praising the scales system, which is in operation at the New River mines, and says they make the miner twenty per cent, over the standard-car system.

It is asserted that the strikers have men at work in all the mines in operation, secretly organizing the new men. All indications point to a renewed effort to bring out the men at work, anneale attempt will be made in a few days, for the reason that several more operations are preparing to start up Monday, and others on the 5th, and for the further reason that the men cannot hold out much longer for want of sustenance.

The month's work at the Southwest mines, closing to-day, is the best within the history of the mines. The daily average of less than 60 cars prior to the strike.

The average daily output for this week is lei cars of coal and 25 cars of coke.

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